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U of M President defends plan for exclusiveness

By DARCY WEISS
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Despite Minnesotans' reluctance to steer the University of Minnesota toward becoming an exclusive research facility, U of M President Robert Bruininks last week in his State of the University Address defended his plan to transform the University.

In addition, Bruininks introduced a new low-income scholarship plan and said the University needs to increase diversity.

"We have entered a transformative era for higher education in the country and in Minnesota," he said. "Becoming the greatest research university will require strategic thinking, planning and a vision of our future."

Bruininks said the plan will continue through enhanced teaching and research quality, and this change will bring new

knowledge for the world and improve Minnesota's economic development.

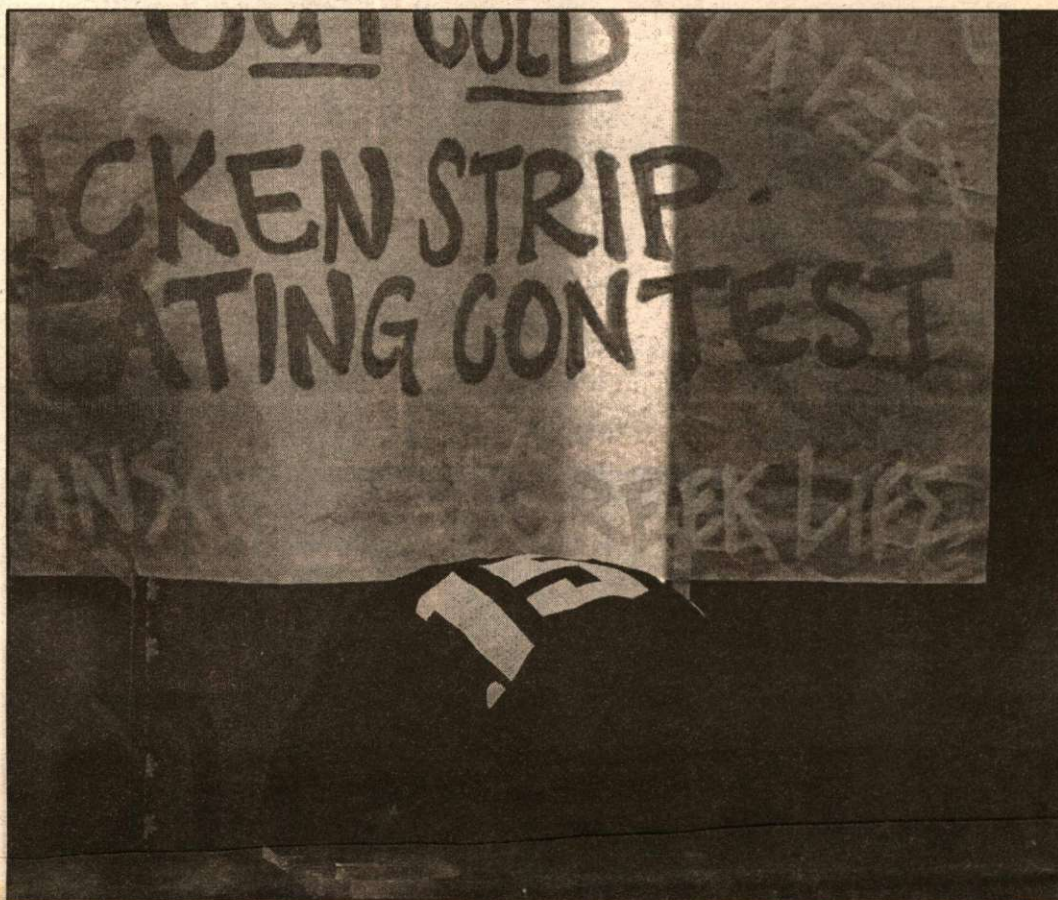
One of the most obvious challenges facing public research universities is declining public investment in higher education.

In order to become a successful research university, one must first continue to enhance its strategies, especially affordability, said Bruininks. Current and upcoming students at the University of Minnesota will be provided with enhanced scholarship opportunities.

"We will be a weaker society if we do not address issues of access and affordability in higher education," Bruininks said. "Similarly, we must continue to address college enrollment and completion gaps that exist between the

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Chicken strips bring up Out Cold spirit



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A chicken strip eating contest was held across from the Bookstore Wednesday, as an Out Cold event where winners received T-shirts and gift certificates to Festival Foods. The student pictured above was unable to handle all of the strips after consuming nine plates, falling short of the record 10 plates made by Dan LaForest. Turn to page 17 for more information on the remaining Out Cold events.

Reciprocity changes suggested

Wisconsin residents pay less than Minnesota residents at UMD

By KIEREN SELL
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University of Minnesota officials and other higher education offices are working hard to make changes to the reciprocity agreement with Wisconsin in order to make the agreement fair for Minnesota students.

Greg Fox, UMD vice chancellor of Finance and Operations, is just one of those who will be testifying to the state government to try to make the changes happen.

The proposed changes to the reciprocity program would have students pay the actual tuition rates of the school they are attending, like a resident of the state would, instead of pay-

ing the tuition of a comparable school in their own state. This is the current agreement that Minnesota has with North and South Dakota.

"Looking at fairness, Wisconsin students should pay what a Minnesota student does," said Fox. "They can be paying close to \$1,500 less than Minnesota students at UMD."

While Fox hopes that changes can be made so that Minnesota students receive a fair deal, he also believes that having Wisconsin students at Minnesota schools is a great benefit.

"We have approximately 850 Wisconsin students at

UMD on reciprocity," said Fox. "Also, 80 percent of Wisconsin students at UMD end up staying in Minnesota."

The state overall is hoping that these changes will take place in the next four years, but there is a lot of work to be done in order to make that happen.

According to Barb Schlaef, the director of Communications at the Minnesota Higher Education Services Office (MHESO), the University of Minnesota started talking about making these changes about nine months ago and legislation has since been

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Student population rises in Duluth, boosts local business

By MIKE DUBEROWSKI
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Have you noticed that the hallways are busier as you rush to your morning class? Have you had problems enrolling in a class because it was already full? Do college hangouts, like Spirit Mountain and Grandma's Sports Garden, feel overcrowded on college nights?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, you are not alone. In fact, statistics provided by a UMD journalism class show that the college student population in Duluth has increased steadily in recent years.

"We've had some excel-

lent momentum and I think students are having a good experience here," said Bruce Gildseth, UMD's vice chancellor for academic support and student life. "I think students are attracted to the north country, the city and the lake. It has developed a good reputation."

In 1997, UMD had fewer than 7,500 students enrolled at the school. Last fall, enrollment peaked at 10,366 students, according to the school's official enrollment data.

It's not just UMD's enrollment that has been increasing. The college population

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M.C. Steve Castleberry speaks to a room full of UMD business students.

By HEATHER TROW
STAFF REPORTER

Students from the Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE) enjoyed an annual visit from UMD alumni on March 1, as part of the LSBE-sponsored "Professor for a Day."

"Professor for a Day," as it turns out, is a bit of a misnomer, since about a dozen alumni came to speak and answer questions over the course of the day. This event has been held for five years running and this year a new twist was added.

"Traditionally, this event is

only held once a year, but this year we held a 'Professor for a Day' event in October with a featured speaker, a UMD alum, which was a great success, so we'll probably continue in this two-times-a-year format from now on," said Lawrence Johnson, the organizer of the event.

The event began at 8 a.m. with a continental breakfast and classroom presentations from the participating alumni. Between classroom presentations two panels were held. The first at noon discussed the transition between school and the professional world.

At 2 p.m. ethics and ethical decisions in a business setting were discussed.

The participating alumni fit into two categories - those who have graduated within the past five years and those who graduated 10 or more years ago. The five-year alums spoke at the first panel and the 10-year alums spoke during the second panel.

"The objective of the 'Professor for a Day' event is to bring alums back to campus to experience the students and reconnect with faculty," said Johnson. "It's an opportunity to see changes to the business school, as well as UMD, as a whole."

"It's really about getting the alums back and allowing them to catch up," continued Johnson. "Some of them might not have visited UMD since they graduated, so it's really great for them to see staff and faculty they may have known and worked with when they were students here."

It turns out that one of the main concerns of attending students was ethics and ethical behavior in a business situation.

"We've done an ethical panel before, and we didn't know if the students were still interested in it," said Johnson, "but there was an overwhelming response and interest in the subject."

"Business ethics are very important to our students and I think that says a lot about who they are and what's important to them," added Johnson. "The panel ran long because there were so many things the students wanted to discuss, so many questions to be answered."

Johnson estimated that between 300 and 400 students participated in the event.

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SMART gets tough on sexual assault policies

By JP LEIDER
STAFF REPORTER

After almost four years of planning, the Sexual Assault Multi-Diplomacy Action Response Team (SMART) will implement a comprehensive sexual assault policy, said SMART coordinator Sue Marks in a press conference last Friday.

According to a SMART press release, the more than 20 local organizations and agencies constituting SMART hope to create standard practices and procedures to respond to sexual assault.

Mayor Herb Bergson spoke strongly in favor of SMART. Bergson believes that sexual assault is more than just a crime, saying that sexual assault "ruins lives."

SMART, which is an initiative of PAVSA (Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual Assault), looks to create a system where victims feel comfortable during the entire process, from reporting sexual assault to finding justice, Marks said after the press conference.

Sexual assault is not uncommon in and around Duluth.

Duluth Police Chief Roger Waller and Marks provided slightly different numbers of reported cases. Waller stated that the Duluth Police Department investigated about 200 cases last year, while Marks said PAVSA reported around 500 incidents. Both stated the need to implement a standard system of response to sexual assault.

Marks estimates that 30 to 40 percent of reported incidents last year were from college-aged people.

As participating members of SMART, UMD and other neighboring colleges are re-examining sexual assault and sexual harassment protocols on campus.

UMD's SMART contact Eric Weldy, associate vice chancellor for academic support and student life, said that although the Board of Regents sets a sexual assault policy, UMD can and is looking into the



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Sheriff Ross Litman addresses sex crime issues.

procedure and complaint processes associated with sexual assault.

"It makes sense that colleges sit down and re-evaluate our own protocol," Weldy said. "One thing I really like about the dialogue is that I think each university has to examine whether the student population, as well as staff and faculty on campus are aware of protocol and policy."

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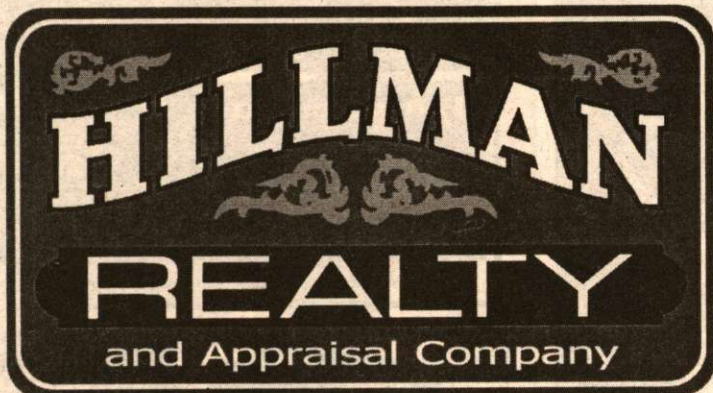


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SA pushes for bonding bill funding for new SPHC expansion

By CANDACE LACOSSE
STAFF REPORTER

The Student Association met Monday to discuss their budget and a new resolution to petition UMD's student body to switch current legislative priorities regarding this year's bonding bill.

SA member Jacob P. Hoffman brought the issue of the new Sports and Health Center (SPHC) expansion to the Student Association, asking to gain administrative approval to petition the student body.

The petition would urge legislation to switch priorities on this year's bonding bill from the renovations of the Life Science building to the construction of an addition to the SPHC.

According to the UMD Facility Needs Web site the current

Sports and Health expansion proposal would increase total space by 45,000 feet.

If the state approves the bonding bill, a little over \$8 million in state funds will be allocated to the \$12 million

total cost. \$4 million in student fees is already being used to design the expansion, according to the Facility Needs Web site.

The University has decided to build the new expansion with or without financial support from the state, Hoffman said in his proposal.

"The students have told us that they want a new sports and recreation center, not a new life science building."

-Sean Bell
SA member

Without state approval, the University would take out a loan, costing each student \$250 per semester for the next 25 years.

As it would not be considered a state building, students would continually be responsible for paying all janitorial, utility and maintenance fees.

Currently the renovation of the Life Science building is seen as a higher priority on the bonding bill, but some members of the Student Association see the issues differently.

"The students have told us that they want a new sports and recreation center, not a new Life Science building," said SA member Sean Bell.

Other members argued that Life Sciences just received the brand new James I. Swenson Science Building and that the SPHC hasn't been renovated in many years.

Four years ago students petitioned for the construction of a new Sports and Health Center and voted to pay for the building if needed, but SA member Brianna Deal sees things differently.

"Don't get me wrong, I support this, but I just don't understand why I should be paying for something that the students wanted four years ago," said Deal.

The Student Association voted in favor of seeking administrative approval on this issue and, if approved, will then petition the student body.



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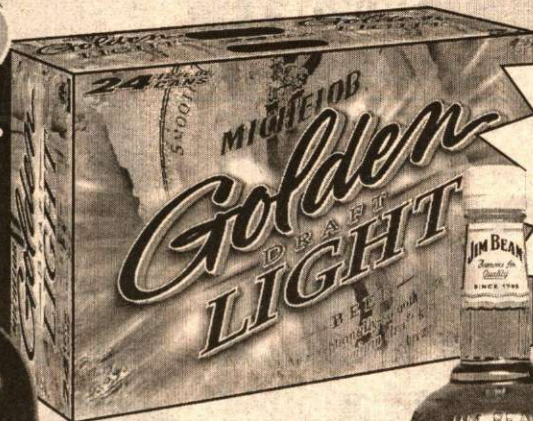
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New QuickCare clinic on campus

By TEAGAN HIGLEY
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With UMD still knee-deep in the flu season, new aid has come in the form of an on-campus clinic for faculty and staff under the faculty health insurance (UPlan) benefits.

Called QuickCare, this new program is a spin-off of an already existing service at the U of M Twin Cities campus. While services are somewhat limited, the overall focus of the new program is to offer UMD employees basic medical attention at a low price and in a convenient location.

According to Health Services Director Katherine Morris, the administration passed the QuickCare program, which will be funded for a 2.5 year trial period. The continuation of the program will be based upon how well it is utilized.

This is a sister system to the UMTC service, available since last year, through which employees have access to "MinuteClinics" in such places as Target and Cub Foods.

The goal of the program is to be a quick, efficient and inexpensive source of basic medical attention for UMD employees. It could also be a preventative measure for more serious health problems and help to keep health care costs down, said Morris.

Student care will not be affected in any way, and full clinic, lab and x-ray services will still be available.

"We want to meet the [staff's] need while keeping student service at the highest level," said Morris.

Located at the UMD Health Services Facility, the clinic is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

It will be closed on weekends and during the summer.

According to the Quick-Clinic Web site (www.d.umn.edu/umdhr/quickcare), all employees, their spouses or same sex domestic partners, their dependent children (over 18 months) and retirees are eligible to visit the clinic. No appointment is necessary and there are two parking spots available for visitors.

The patient's medical history is also not necessary; all that is needed is a UPlan card for proof of insurance. Most appointments should not take longer than 15 minutes, said Morris, and the co-pay is just \$5.

Prescriptions can be filled either at the clinic or at a pharmacy of your choice. QuickCare is designed for treatment of minor conditions such as cold symptoms. It is

also to be used for screenings of blood pressure, cholesterol and pregnancy. Numerous immunizations are available at the clinic at no charge, according to the Web site.

More serious conditions such as injuries, high fever, shortness of breath and chest pains cannot be treated at the clinic. For such emergencies, employees are instructed to talk to their doctor or call 911, stated the QuickCare Web site.

QuickCare is staffed solely by Susan Rhoads, a nurse practitioner who has previously worked in a family practice clinic in Duluth. Rhoads said she is responsible for pretty much everything. She hopes that the addition of the clinic will help UMD employees by being convenient.

The only possible inconvenience Rhoads said she

could see is the location of the clinic in relation to the rest of the campus. But, she said, so far the patients have been responsive.

Staff opinion of QuickCare seems to be mixed for the time being. Some employees from the offices of Financial Aid and Registrar, who wished to remain anonymous, have voiced their concerns about the funding of the program.

One staff member said the clinic is a good idea but expressed unease about funding. Another staff member had a more positive opinion, citing the lower co-pay as a positive feature.

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U of M leads research in honeybee engineering

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Research at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus could help fight a parasite that may have killed up to half the North American bee population in the past year.

Entomologist Marla Spivak leads a breeding program that produces queen bees with the

ability to rid hives of bee larvae infested with the Varroa mite.

"We always have some mites around," Spivak said. "But they are back with a vengeance this year."

The tiny pest has decimated honeybee colonies across the country this year, worrying beekeepers and farmers.

Two chemicals were used

against the mites for most of the 1990s, but the mite developed a resistance to one about five years ago and the other last year.

Honeybees pollinate about a third of the human diet and dozens of agricultural crops.

"People don't appreciate it, or think about it much, but one-third of our table foods

depend on bees," said Spivak.

She said that even the dairy industry is affected because the feed crops of alfalfa and clover are bee pollinated.

Ortonville beekeeper David Ellingson, president of the trade group American Beekeeper's Federation, said the breeding program is "the best hope for the future."

Spivak's bees possess what's known as "the Minnesota hygienic trait," which allows daughters of the bees in the breeding program to change behavior in the hives.

Bees with this trait clean out the bee larvae infested with the mites.

The breeding process is very slow and its enhanced bees may never reach all the different lines of bees found in commercial bee colonies or in those in the wild.

Ellingson said he has been using Minnesota hygienic queen bees "practically since day one." His losses to the mite have been modest so far, and nowhere near the 50 percent average bee losses his members are reporting.

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Feb. Crime Report

Thieves rule the night on campus

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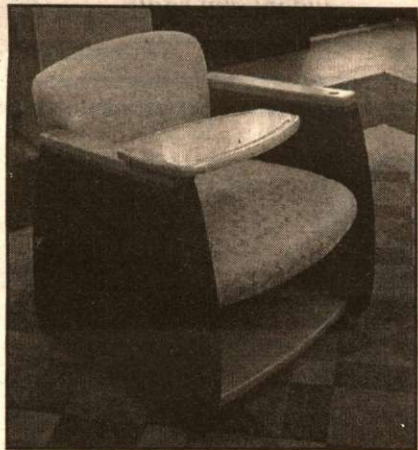
In crime news this month, students have been stealing from themselves.

Three new chairs, bought for \$650 apiece, were stolen during the night in the past two weekends, according to Campus Police and Neale Roth, director of the Kirby Student Center.

The chairs, purchased last summer and put into use in September 2004, carry a retail price of \$1,500 and were bought using money from the KSC Capital Improvement Fund, which receives its money directly from student fees, according to Roth.

A fourth such chair is currently out of commission, as one of the thieves broke a caster wheel while stuffing his bounty into the Kirby elevator, said Roth. The perpetrator later came back and removed a wheel from one of the remaining chairs in the lounge.

Roth said there is a good chance the chairs are somewhere in the residence halls, and is offering a \$200 reward for information leading to the recovery of the chairs. Anyone with knowledge of where the chairs are or who may have stolen them is to contact Roth or Campus Police.



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A \$200 reward is being offered for information on the stolen chairs. Pictured above is an example.

The chairs, which come in either gray or blue, are of the single-person variety and have caster wheels, storage space under the seat and an oak arm pedestal for a laptop computer.

In other theft news, an unattended backpack was stolen Feb. 4, from Montague Hall and was later recovered intact, according to Lieutenant Anne Peterson of UMD Campus Police. A purse was also stolen between 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Feb. 10 and has not been recovered.

Also last month, several items were stolen from the office in the medical school Feb. 21, including a Palm Pilot and a cellular phone; the suspect is described as a "young girl," according to Campus Police. A checkbook was also stolen from the office the same day; a check was forged and tendered in downtown Duluth,

but unfortunately there are no suspects.

Residence halls are classic targets for thievery, especially when students leave their doors unlocked when the room is vacant. A laptop was stolen from Stadium Apartments and in Griggs Hall a wallet, some jewelry and cash were taken. In all these cases, the doors were unlocked, no recoveries have been made and there are no suspects.

Several other unattended items were stolen in February, including a backpack from the Kirby Program Office; a backpack and laptop from the Theatre Department; a wallet by the basketball courts; a purse from A.B. Anderson Hall; and a cellular phone from a backpack in the Marshall Performing Arts Center. The backpack in the Theatre Department and the purse were later found intact.

Theft wasn't the only crime committed on campus this past month.

Several car crimes also occurred, including two car accidents, five hit-and-run accidents and four car prowls.

Other vehicular crimes included a tire slashing overnight on Feb. 15, for which suspects are being questioned; a traffic stop resulting in arrest for outstanding warrants on Feb. 19; and a stolen vehicle located in Lot P on the morning of Feb. 21.

When Campus Police officers weren't busy responding to theft reports and car accidents, they were writing tickets for substance abuse.

There were several reports of the smell of marijuana in Lake Superior Hall in February; however, the source of the smell was usually not found, with the exception of one incident on Feb. 27 when a ticket was issued. Also marijuana and paraphernalia were confiscated from the fourth floor of LSH.

But everyone knows the most popular substance among college students is really the sauce, the juice, the liquid courage.

Campus officers handed out 24 underage consumption tickets during the month of February and officers were

kind enough to give one student a lift to a detoxification facility.

Two men on campus were also taken to jail in alcohol-related incidents: one for an outstanding warrant and one for resisting and obstructing arrest, giving a false name and underage consumption.

There was also an alcohol-related traffic stop that resulted in a DWI and two underage consumption tickets.

What are students doing when they aren't busy stealing, toking, drinking and crashing cars? What else? They're breaking stuff!

Several incidents of property damage occurred in February. A door in Griggs Hall was replaced after it had apparently been kicked, according to Campus Police. Walls were also vandalized in LSH and Griggs Hall with spray paint.

It must be mentioned that

students aren't the only source of riffraff on campus, however.

A suspicious homeless man was confronted in Griggs Hall by Campus Police and sent on his way.

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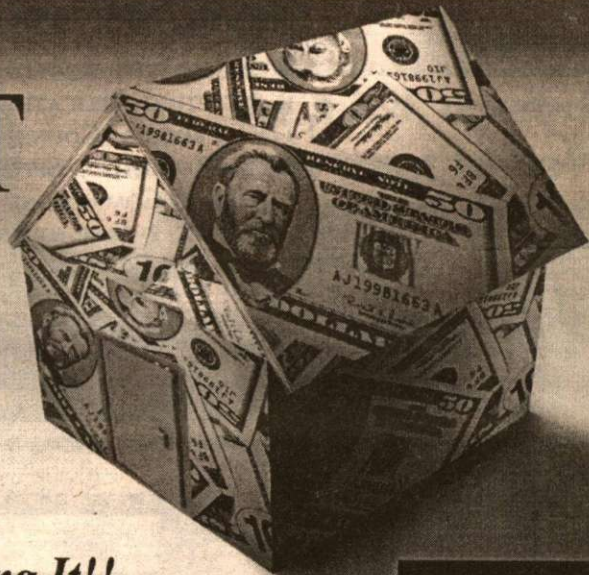
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introduced in the Minnesota House and Senate, by Rep. Joe Opatz, DFL-St. Cloud and Sen. Yvonne Prettner Solon, DFL-Duluth.

The MHESO will be the main negotiator between Minnesota and Wisconsin.

After the MHESO develops

an agreement, the University of Minnesota Board of Regents and Board of Trustees must approve it, as well as the Wisconsin system.

The agreement would effect the tuition rates of Wisconsin students in all Minnesota schools where reciprocity is honored, but would make the biggest impact on the University of Minnesota campuses.

"The original agreements have been in place with North and South Dakota and Wisconsin for decades, Wisconsin starting in 1968," said Schlaefer.

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SPEECH: Bruininks talks about University's goals

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majority population on the one hand, and populations of color and students from low-income backgrounds on the other."

The Twin Cities campus has consistently ranked in the top three public research universities in the United States, but unless a new

outlook is created the ability to meet future trends will be limited, explained Bruininks.

When questioned about whether or not this plan applies to just the Twin Cities Campus or also the other U of M schools, Bruininks replied that this plan would apply a standard of excellence to all U of M campuses.

Bruininks said UMD already ranks among the top Midwestern, regional universities; Morris has repeatedly been recognized for its liberal arts strengths; Crookston is known nationally for its instructional technology; and Rochester serves the need

for our growing programs.

UMD professor Bud McClure said the University has a lot of work to do.

"Does the Minnesota system really need four separate psychology, communication and science departments?" asked McClure in an interview. "Wouldn't it be possible for each school to focus on their primary mission and strengths?"

U of M students at all campuses were able to watch and ask questions through an interactive TV system.

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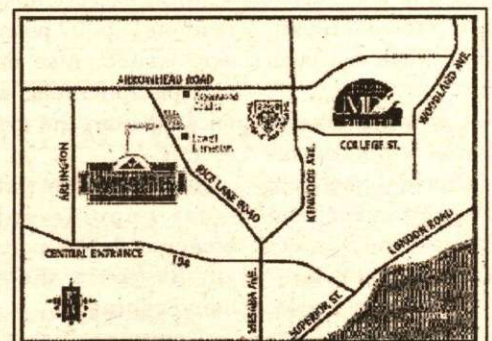
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POPULATION: Student population is at an all time high

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in other Duluth schools has increased as well. According to an estimate provided by a UMD journalism class, Duluth's college population accounted for 20.2 percent of the city's population last fall, the highest it has ever been.

The increasing college population has given a financial boost to many area businesses, including Spirit Mountain, Grandma's Sports Garden and University Liquors, according to the stores' managers.

"I think our business has definitely picked up," said Angelo Decaro, manager at University Liquors. "We've had more college kids come in here.

As the campus grows our business with them grows and I can see the overall area of the business growing: the gas stations, convenience stores, the movie stores, the pizza

places. This town is kind of becoming like Dinky Town [in Minneapolis] because the kids are using the coffee shop and tanning more, and they've been a big boom to the economy in this area and probably the whole town."

Decaro estimates that 55 percent of University Liquors' business is from college students and faculty.

"They bring a lot of traffic to the area," said Decaro. "They shop at the store. They bring a lot of dollars to our business. It's good to have that campus over there - [UMD] and St. Scholastica."

Tim Neiman, the assistant manager at Video Vision, claims that nearly 90 percent of their tanning business and 50 percent of their movie rentals are from UMD and St. Scholastica students. Neiman says their business has also increased a lot in recent years.

"It's been a steady increase," said Neiman. "We might have to get a bigger store, for one thing, because we really have increased a lot in the last nine years."

Neiman says that the store is trying to keep up with the increasing college population by replacing old VHS tapes with DVDs and by keeping college favorites like the Monty Python

movies and "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" available.

Brianna Shaub, the director of marketing and sales at Spirit Mountain, says she has also noticed an increase in business from college students in recent years.

"We do a college night at Spirit Mountain every Friday night during the winter," said Shaub. "We have special ticket rates and rental rates for students, and we've noticed - over the last two years especially - that our college night has grown a lot. It's a lot more successful than it was five years ago."

Shaub says they have increased marketing toward college students and they schedule more staff on college nights in order to keep up with the rising population.

Other businesses, including TCF Bank, have made more noticeable changes to keep up with the increasing college population.

TCF recently moved from an off-campus location to an

on-campus site at UMD to better serve the college population, according to Branch Manager Dan Backen.

Backen says the change has been

noticeable.

"It's busier," said Backen. "Being on campus has helped us in the fact that we're busier in the daytime hours rather than the evening hours."

Area apartments have also found an increasing amount of competition amongst college students. Myrna Smith, a resident manager at Chester Grove Apartments, says that housing has filled up earlier than in recent years.

"We're getting a lot more requests than we ever have before," said Smith. "We've always turned away 400-500 people a year and now it's getting to be more and earlier. I've already filled up my waiting list for June 1."

Smith says that the demand has helped their business and has allowed them to increase their prices almost every year.

Will the college population in Duluth continue to rise? Only time will tell, but Gildseth expects the enrollment at UMD to stay where it is.

"[Enrollment] may increase a little bit next fall," said Gildseth, "but what we're trying to do is maintain the numbers. Our target for the next few years is to maintain the number of students that we have."

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No more 'power hours'

For many college students their 21st birthday starts with the traditional "power hour." At midnight on the day of their birthday, they grab their papers for their new ID and head out to a local bar to get their first legal drink. The night ends two hours later with the person usually visiting the toilet for a few hours and then waking up with the worst hangover ever. However, this so-called tradition may come to end.

Currently, there is a bill circling its way around the House of Representatives that would not allow students to go out the night of their 21st birthday. The current bill, H.F. 1226, just deals with the normal criteria of what a person under 21 can and cannot do. But now legislators want to add another piece. The amendment, from www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us, states "...with respect to purchasing, possessing, consuming, selling, furnishing and serving alcoholic beverages, a person is not 21 years of age until 8:00 a.m. on the day of that person's 21st birthday."

Yep, you are not officially 21 until 8 a.m. the day of your birthday. It seems ridiculous to put a time on when a person is 21.

What difference does eight hours really make. Sadly, you could argue this either way. If eight hours isn't a big deal then why can't someone wait another day to go out and have a few drinks?

Maybe this is a big deal because of the tradition of the 21st birthday. But even that doesn't hold up anymore. The original "power hour" was back when the bars were only open until 1:00 a.m. and the birthday girl/boy would only have an hour to get drunk. With the recent change in bar closing hours, that doesn't happen anymore.

So what is the big deal? Am I just making something out of nothing? Or is there a bigger issue growing behind this one?

When looking at the amendment, or any amendment for that matter, you can look up who authored the bill and what else they have authored. There was one chief author and two co-authors that helped out with the amendment. One of the three authors, Paul Marquart (DFL), did have an interesting bill under his name. He was the chief author of a bill that stated the "age minimum to hold elected office reduced from 21 to 18 and constitutional amendment proposed" (H.F. 0545).

So what Marquart is telling me is that he trusts 18-year-olds to hold a government position, but he doesn't trust a 21-year-old to drink alcohol. Where are these people's priorities? Could you honestly see yourself voting for someone who is 18 running for a government position? No.

It's really sad that our government believes that we can fight and die for our country, vote and hold a government office by the age of 18, but we cannot drink alcohol until we are 21. In all honesty, I think we should be able to drink at 18 and then be able to fight, vote and hold a government office when we are 21 but not until 8 a.m.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Hotel Rwanda' is more than just a movie

UMD is blessed with an insightful, intelligent student in Andy Greder. I did not read Mike Duberowski's critique of "Hotel Rwanda," only Andy's remarks to Statesman online.

In Andy's message he comments about Duberowski's criticism that the film should be more graphic, and Andy mentions a Rwandan Genocide survivor, Taka Larson. I am Taka's adoptive father. My wife, Nancy, met Taka in Zaire at an Israeli relief camp.

When Nancy and I saw "Hotel Rwanda," we were pleased to see only enough of the massacre was shown to get the point across, and it wasn't "in your face" or sensationalized. The movie is wonderfully made with great performances by the main actors.

I fear all of us, but even more so the generations now in universities and younger, are desensitized. Too often, if it isn't in your face blood and gore the message is lost. In "Hotel Rwanda" you see people about to be struck with a machete then it cuts to another

scene. The point is made. You see the fear in the people's eyes, their tears, screams and shaking bodies.

There are a number of books on the Rwandan Genocide describing what led to the slaughter and also a pictorial history of the human suffering and carnage. It is well worth everyone's time to learn what happened in Rwanda. This is a small planet we live on and these people are our neighbors.

Kyle Larson
Maple Grove, MN

Privatizing SS could benefit younger generations

The article, "Oberstar criticizes Social Security reform" published Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, in the Statesman, is very misleading to impressionable students who know little to nothing about the issue of privatizing Social Security. The article failed to mention how privatization could benefit people under the age of 55.

The prospect of a bankrupt Social Security system

is one that has been around since 1983. In 1983, according to the 1983 CQ Almanac, the government reformed Social Security by increasing the retirement age from 65 to 67 by the year 2027 and increasing the payroll taxes for both employers and employees. Currently, both employers and employees pay a 6.2 percent payroll tax. When they reformed Social Security in 1983, President Reagan stated, "the legislation will allow Social Security to age gracefully as all of us hope to do ourselves, without becoming an overwhelming burden on generations to come." Reagan's hopes did not come true, and President Bush along with the Social Security Administration, offers privatizing Social Security as an option to the crisis.

President Bush's proposal for privatizing Social Security is not mandatory, meaning a person does not have to invest. According to Jonathan Weisman, a Washington Post staff writer, if a person age 55 or younger, chooses to invest a small percent into an account; the individual will keep everything they set aside in the personal account, plus the increased rate of return. The government cannot touch this

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Are Pawlenty's recommendations enough?

By JP LEIDER
OPINION EDITOR

I am not a math major. Oftentimes, trying to figure out facts and figures physically hurts my brain. But given that Gov. Pawlenty recently submitted his recommendations to the legislature regarding the University of Minnesota's budget from 2005-2007 (fiscal years 2006 and 2007), I thought I would give it one more shot.

All of the facts and figures are from the Governor's Recommendation for the U of M or the U of M President's Recommended Operating Budget Plan FY 2004-2005.

It came as a great surprise to me that Pawlenty has recommended almost 85 percent of what the U of M requested, considering he flat out cut \$185 million from their budget but two years ago. Perhaps he is trying to make amends for what he did to faculty, staff and students...then again, he may just be gearing up for his re-election bid. Surely you remember the year of the massive budget cuts - staff salaries were frozen, jobs were cut and tuition and fees increased something like 13 percent in one year. In 2002-

2003 (fiscal year 2003), student tuition and fees provided 20 percent (\$430 million) of the U of M's just over \$2 billion budget. After the \$185 million cut, administration suggested that 45 percent of the budget challenge should be absorbed by students, resulting in those ridiculous tuition and fee increases.

It doesn't seem quite fair, does it? And then the 2004 legislature did not even pass the state bonding bill, which included almost \$190 million that the U of M wanted for capital investments. Given all that, perhaps now you can understand my shock (not too much awe, though) at the governor's recommendations.

The new funding that the governor recommends, around \$113 million, focuses mainly on sciences, research, competitive salary and benefits for staff and a few specifically student-oriented initiatives. This mostly

includes expanding Honors programs and UROPs (Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program), both of which seem quite popular at UMD. As to the new funding for the sciences - mainly the Biological sciences - UMD administration expects that we will receive about 1/6 of said new funds.

"The new funding that the governor recommends, around \$113 million, focuses mainly on sciences, research, competitive salary and benefits for staff and a few specifically student-oriented initiatives."

One of the requests that Pawlenty recommended no funding for is the U of M's proposal called "21st Century Technology," which would provide \$21 million over two years to replace old technology and create new systems. The most interesting idea is the "Imaging"

initiative, which basically shifts the U of M to a digital and almost paper-less business model. In addition, the funds requested would cover standard replacement schedules and also finish equipping classrooms with multimedia presentation equipment. Though I can recall only a few classrooms at UMD without presentation systems, it is unlikely that these few will be fitted with new systems in the near future.

One of the most troubling aspects of the governor's recommendations is in the Enrollment Adjustment section. Minnesota law requires the state to pay a certain percentage of the U of M's instructional costs, as we all know. These costs increase as enrollment increases, so the state is obligated to pay the U of M more money based on its enrollment. The kicker here is that for increases in enrollment in

2003 and 2004, the state owes the U of M almost \$75 million, in addition to the \$113 that the governor is recommending. So that would mean almost \$185 million for this year, which is pretty much exactly what the governor cut not so long ago. However, the governor is recommending a reduction over the next two years equal to what the U of M is owed for enrollment increases. Pawlenty basically wants to erase almost \$75 million that the state owes the U of M.

These are crazy times, financially and otherwise. Even with the \$113 in new funding that Pawlenty is recommending (which the legislature still has to approve), keep in mind that the U of M system still will receive tens of millions of dollars less in funding than it did a few years ago. Not only that, but recall that the U of M is in a 50/50 partnership with the state - they owe half. Whether it is new initiatives, new funding requests or even a large state deficit, students will end up paying, one way or another.

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Why drink your life away?

By AMY FORSELL
HUMOR EDITOR

It's Friday night (Wednesday for some people) and a calm wave of boredom sweeps across Duluth. Every one sighs and turns a blind eye to their homework and textbooks, looking for anything non-academic to do with their time.

You'd see a movie but "there's nothing good out" or you "don't have the money." You'd go bowling, catch an acoustic performance at some coffee shop or rent a movie and hunker down with friends for the night, but those options just aren't "cool" enough. No one would turn their head if you walked into class Monday morning and said, "Man, I got so sober on Friday. It was really fun!"

You opt to go to a party. A novel idea. What's not fun about putting on your new Abercrombie shirt, dousing yourself with perfume or cologne and stumbling around a house for the 50th time this year, just so you can wake up the next day and say that you don't remember a second of it?

What's more exciting than piling into a car with four other people and heading off to spend the night at a party you refuse to admit is the exact same as every other one you've been to this year?

I'm making a simple point: partying and getting drunk most weekends of one's college career is one big, nauseating cliché.

I don't blame you if you're a habitual partygoer. After all, it does require some dignity and self-control to find something else to do after a hard week of classes. It takes a lot to plop down in Education in Modern Society and play a game on your cell phone while the professor rambles off muted words your parents are paying thousands of dollars for. By Friday's end you deserve a good time, right?

Whatever. Although it is your choice to slam down a disgusting amount of beer or Bacardi to while away the weekends, I'm here to tell you it is in no way cool or interesting. Call me a prude, but I'm bored of the grossly unoriginal, "I got so drunk this weekend" talk. You are, like, so totally not the first person to think getting wasted makes you super cool, K?

You're in college to make yourself into something that society values and cares about. Did you know that being an undergraduate is optional? That's right, kids, you could have

dropped out of high school at 16 and never looked back. But, hey, good for you. You made it to UMD.

Now that you're here though, you can't stop whining about going to class, studying and that lame professor. College is just one big disappointment, huh? Well, at least you have your Keystone Light and your friends who only think you're funny when you've got a quart of beer sloshing around in your stomach.

If you're fuming mad reading this thinking that I haven't been there and done that - in regards to drinking, I have.

I've chugged my share of warm, pukey Tequila and watched my friends deteriorate into heaps of slurring, embarrassing drunks. I have an alcoholic father and alcoholic siblings and, to cut a little deeper than I was planning when I started writing this, I have a close friend who was too drunk to defend herself. Her Bemidji State drinkin' buddies were too buzzed to care. She was raped.

I'd be lying if I said I didn't harbor a great deal of resentment toward every one of you reading this that finds a good time in the bottom of a plastic cup. I'd be lying if I said that my hatred for typical college parties hosted by gluttonous amounts of booze wasn't personal. I'd be lying if I said, "It's okay. It's college. You're supposed to have fun."

I'll give weekend drinkers the benefit of the doubt and say that maybe it hasn't ever occurred to them that a trip to the liquor store does not have to be a precursor to having a good time.

In actuality, I don't expect anyone to stop putting on their cute new boots or to stop gelling their hair in preparation for the next unmemorable party. If you're already in that groove, you probably won't come out of it until something horrific happens to your best friend or you wake up the day of your graduation and realize that you can't remember what you did any given weekend the last four years.

Your adult life won't be dramatically worse because you partied hard and drank even harder. You'll lead a decent life and have a family and things will be satisfactory and fine.

However, it will be a tough day when your kid asks you to tell them about college and, pulling out your photo albums and diploma, you realize that there's nothing much to say.

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BENEFITS: Students need to be aware of the Social Security situation, good or bad

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money, for it is only for the individual.

On Feb. 2, 2005, President Bush addressed the issue of privatizing Social Security. President Bush stated that the reason personal accounts are a better deal is because a person's money will grow over time at a greater rate than anything the current system has to offer, thus the account will provide money for retirement over and above Social Security. The goal of privatization is greater security for retirement.

Washington Post staff writer Albert Crenshaw stated that for younger workers, a personal account, invested successfully over four decades or more, could add up to a reasonable sum. For example, \$1,000 per year, invested in a balanced portfolio of stocks and bonds that earned an average of 4.6 percent annual return, would provide a worker with more than \$109,000 to start retirement. The total would be higher if the amount invested rose by \$100 a year. That is substantially more money for retirement than Social

Security alone. Aside from the money from the private account, a person would still receive the minimum benefit that would remain guaranteed by the system.

Many worry that if the stock market crashes, they will lose their money for retirement. President Bush also stated that the money invested will go into a conservative mix of bonds and stock funds. The government will make sure that a person's earnings are not eaten up into the system and guidelines will be provided to protect investments from sudden stock market swings.

By no means am I refuting the fact that Social Security is in trouble, but it is important for people to understand the other side of the issue before deciding that President Bush's proposal is completely bad.

Instead of stating why privatizing Social Security is bad, people should ask why the current administration continues to spend the money reserved for Social Security instead of saving the funds, as they should be doing. The one thing I do agree with Oberstar on is that students need to understand more about the issue at hand. Hopefully, students realize that it is an important issue and they will research it before jumping to conclusions.

Angela McGowan
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QUIZ: WHAT'S YOUR PARTY TYPE?

By BRITTANY HAGAN
STAFF REPORTER

"Put on your good underwear. We're going out!"

If you don't know what I'm talking about, sorry. Masturbating to Jennifer Garner on "Alias" isn't what Fridays are for.

If you are the type to go out, what type are you?

1. Arriving at a social gathering I:

A. Make a circle, after filling my cup, to see who's here and who's here with whom.

B. Skip the keg. I brought my own bottle. Cleavage must be perfect.

C. Complain. Five bucks? This place is lame-o. I put on my crotch-less pants for this?

D. Avoid all eye contact.

2. The type of guy I usually look for is:

A. A hockey player. Basketball? You're joking right?

B. Anything. There is always the night janitor, too...

C. If only I were 30 years older I could date my finite math teacher. "X isn't over Y, baby. You should be over me."

D. Jason, the boy I was in diapers with.

3. My time at the party is spent:

A. Jumping in and out of

conversations like a tiger on a pogo stick.

B. Putting my clothes back on.

C. Staring. People need to know I'm judging them.

D. Strategically in between my best friend since fourth grade and my roommate.

4. The music I demand is:

A. Jesse McCartney, "Beautiful Soul." It's, like, totally the hotness right now.

B. Anything I can pretend to orgasm to on the dance floor.

C. "Pachelbel Canon in D minor."

D. Spice Girls. I think I got all the lyrics down.

5. My drink:

A. A keg stand. Look at me! Kind of wish I didn't wear a skirt. Oh well.

B. Anything 80+ proof.

C. Anything made in a good year.

D. Sprite on the rocks. Fine, I'll have a wine cooler. Just one, though.

Mostly A's:

Self-title: Miss Popular

Title behind back: Miss Wannabe

Pluses: Running around helps keep the heart rate up. You're never anywhere long enough to hear what they say about you.

Minuses: People will assume your hype is cocaine-induced. You're never anywhere long enough to hear what they say about you.

Mostly B's:

Self-title: "Her-own-person"

Title behind back: "Herpes-magnet"

Pluses: Getting some. Friends come to you if they have a sex question. Sex is a workout. Minuses: You may be over-"doing it." Friends don't trust you near their man. Don't be surprised if a guy double wraps his member.

Mostly C's:

Self-title: Intellectual

Title behind back: Bitch

Pluses: You feel superior and anyone under 10 agrees. Minuses: Besides being the world's biggest she-devil, there is the whole "no one really likes you" thing.

Mostly D's:

Self-title: Best Friend

Title behind back: Obsessed

Pluses: You know your friends well. If they feel the same way, you're golden.

Minuses: If they don't feel the same way, you're the creepiest person to be around.

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Salutations, Terry

Necessary advice for everyday living

Dear Terry,

I have a friend (no, it's not me, you bastard) who has bad odor problems. He smells like peanut butter, ass, B.O. and cigarettes. He's wants a career in politics yet he doesn't bathe, his hair looks like a grease rag from the DC and he washes his clothes once a month. He doesn't take hints; he's too blinded by denial. How do I intervene?

Nauseated in the Northland

NN,

I don't know who I'm sadder for - you or your rank pal. You have to inhale his stench, but he has to live in it under the misconception that there's nothing wrong. But wait - who says there is anything wrong? You say he's in denial, but how can you be so sure that the dude isn't smelly for a hella good reason?

We've been raised in a society that looks down on natural

human scent. The cave people didn't have invisible solid to mask their pit juice, right? The cave people didn't have Herbal Essences shampoo infused with jasmine and all that other shit, right? The cavewomen didn't have chamomile and lavender-scented tampons, right? (Note: chamomile-scented tampons are real products. Excuse me while I puke.)

Your friend is smelly because it's his evolutionary-given right. You may smell like sheets blowing in the breeze, but it's all a cover-up. You're a factory for smells and secretions that exist for a reason. Sure as shit I don't know what that reason is, but smelling like "peanut butter, ass, B.O. and cigarettes" is your homie's unique odor.

It's not pleasant to live with the guy, but you have to respect his decision to smell like the missing link. Culture does prohibit him from some successes as a result of this

decision - getting a job, getting a girlfriend, getting rid of the fleas - but that is his choice!

And for the record, there are some benefits to smelling like a foot: not having to sit near anyone at the movies; getting your own 50-square foot study area at the library; keeping the drunk girls from hitting on you. Give your bud some credit.

However, if you can't deal, you'll have to "intervene." Pull an "Encino Man" on Stinky. Give him a bath, cut his hair, give him new clothes and teach him naughty words. You'll be taking away his dignity, but at least the guy won't smell like a caveman anymore...not that there's anything wrong with that.

Salutations,
Terry

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REAL QUESTION! See? It is
cool as hell to write to me.
salutations_terry@yahoo.com.



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A Private Moment With Kevin Semlak

"If I ever catch a leprechaun, the first thing I'm gonna' do is torture the shit outta' him."

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Top Ten Reasons Why It's Better To Graduate In Five Years Instead of Four

By Andrew Kraus
Guest Contributor

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8. Freshman chicks dig super seniors.
7. Finally learning that more people are laughing at you than with you when you dance.
6. Once you enter the real-world, there aren't as many opportunities to drink and play Playstation on Tuesday afternoons.
5. One more year of homework from your monkey you bought online.
4. Realizing "to rock out with your cock out" isn't the best way to score.
3. Because 10-12 credits a semester isn't easy.
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cool if they chilled out
with Snowie McSnowbank
as much as you do,
Walrus Boy!

word.

Oh, get out of town!
Silly Goose!

WAKKA
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Back in the Day

What has changed, what is new, what still sucks at UMD

By KIEREN SELL
STUDENT LIFE ASSISTANT EDITOR

TWENTY YEARS AGO AT UMD

- In 1984, there was no College of Liberal Arts. It was called the College of Letters and Science, but was then divided into the Colleges of Science and Engineering and the College of Letters and Social Science.

- On campus, there was a branch office of the Duluth Travel Agency, where you could arrange your spring break trip in one hour between classes.

- There was a marching band that performed at sporting events and even featured a baton twirler.

- Ralph Romano, former UMD Athletic Director, died.

- UMD senior Marcia Bevard won six gold medals and broke four World and Olympic Records swimming at the Olympic Games for the Disabled.

- Democratic Presidential Candidate Walter Mondale visited UMD.

- Karen Stromme took over as Women's Basketball Head Coach and still holds the position today.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO AT UMD

- Sexual harassment class action lawsuits were filed against UMD by 22 women faculty members. The lawsuits dealt with sexual discrimination in their salaries, benefits and advancement. The women prevailed and their salaries were adjusted.

- The pay lot was introduced to UMD students.

- There was a Kirby Ticket Office, where students could purchase tickets to DECC and UMD events, as well as Greyhound bus passes.

- The Bullpub was a place where students could go and relax. The Bullpub contained a coffeehouse, food service and even ice cream.

- UMD's goal was to be a smoke-free campus by the year 2000.



- A fire scorched the fifth floor of Lake Superior Hall.

TEN YEARS AGO AT UMD

- During the Homecoming festivities, the Sieur du Luth statue in Ordean Court was spray-painted with the number 35 on his chest and a bra was placed on his finger.

- President Clinton came to UMD to take part in a rally for Senate candidate Ann Wynn.

- 1995 was named the year of the Bulldog by Duluth mayor Gary Doty to celebrate the 100th anniversary of UMD.

- The UMD Bulldog mascot was named "Killer" and there was another mascot called the "Maroon Loon."

- Former Chancellor Lawrence Ianni was found to have violated the First Amendment when he ordered photographs of two UMD professors to be removed from a display case.

- In the 100-year anniversary issue of the *Statesman*, it was reported that the University newspaper was once named the *Fortnightly Chronicle* until it became the *Statesman* in 1947.

- There was an on-campus rape investigation involving



(Top left) Chancellor Martin was inaugurated in November 1995. She is the eighth UMD Chancellor and the first woman to hold the position. (Left) Champ, UMD's beloved mascot used to have the mean moniker "Killer." He was re-named Champ in 1997 to portray a less violent image. He also used to have a sidekick, the Maroon Loon, who has disappeared over the years. (Above) Sieur du Luth, the statue in Ordean Court, got festive for the 1994 Homecoming festivities.

two UMD hockey players.

- Donny Ness, current Duluth City Councilor, was voted the Student Association President.

- There were letters to the *Statesman* complaining about the parking...sound familiar?

- The journalism minor was to be dropped from UMD.

- The fitness center on campus was opened.

- Kathryn Martin was inaugurated as Chancellor of UMD.

- A former UMD student and *Statesman* news editor, Megan Ross, was found to have fabricated the story of her apparent abduction at knife point and carjacking from Minnesota to New Mexico.

- The UMD *Statesman* printed a parody issue for April Fool's Day, sparking a backlash and rally asking the paper to take back what they printed.

- UMD had a wrestling team.

- Students started registering on computers. Up until then registering was done by phone.

- The activity card was supposedly going to be discontinued.

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(PG-13)
12:30, 3:30

Hotel Rwanda (PG-13)
6:50, 9:20

The Jacket (R)
12:45, 2:50, 5:00, 7:05, 9:15

Are We There Yet? (PG)
1:05, 3:05, 5:05, 7:05, 9:05

Million Dollar Baby (PG-13)
12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:30

Be Cool (PG-13)
1:10, 3:40, 6:45, 9:20

The Aviator (PG-13)
12:45, 4:15, 7:45

Hitch (PG-13)
1:30, 4:00, 7:15, 9:35

Meet the Fockers (PG-13)
1:15, 3:45, 7:10, 9:35

Sideways (R)
1:00, 3:35, 7:00, 9:30

Diary of a Mad Black Woman
(PG-13)
1:20, 3:50, 7:00, 9:25

LAKES 10

Man of the House (PG-13)
12:45, 2:50, 4:55, 7:00, 9:05

Finding Neverland (PG)
12:45, 2:55, 5:05, 7:15, 9:25

Hitch (PG-13)
1:15, 3:40, 6:50, 9:20

Cursed (PG-13)
1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10

Because of Winn-Dixie (PG)
12:35, 2:45, 4:55, 7:05, 9:15

The Pacifier (PG)
1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20

Constantine (R)
1:20, 3:45, 7:05, 9:30

Be Cool (PG-13)
1:05, 3:35, 6:55, 9:25

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Five movies to help you keep warm

By MIKE DUBEROWSKI
STAFF REPORTER

It's Out Cold Week at UMD, a time in which we celebrate the cold winter breeze by attending various events and activities. I, however, prefer to celebrate the coldness inside, with the heater turned up and a good movie turned on my television.

If you plan on doing the same, I'd recommend that you check out the following great films, all which take place in a snowy climate, in honor of Out Cold week.

1. "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946)

No film set in the cold winter months has ever been as heartwarming as Frank Capra's 1946 masterpiece, "It's a Wonderful Life." Jimmy Stewart stars as George Bailey, a generous, good-hearted man who continuously gives up his dreams in order to help others.

When Bailey begins to wish that he was never born, he receives a visit from Clarence, an angel searching for wings who is destined to change Bailey's

mind. "It's a Wonderful Life" is a touching tearjerker that has heart and a brain.

2. "Fargo" (1996)

There are some Minnesotans who refuse to forgive Ethan and Joel Coen for tacking an embarrassing accent onto our state's reputation. Unfortunately, those people are missing the humor behind the Coen brothers' hilarious and very original 1996 masterpiece. "Fargo" stars Frances McDormand as Marge Gunderson, a pregnant

Brainerd police chief assigned to solve a bizarre kidnapping case. McDormand won a well-deserved Best Actress Oscar® for her magnificent performance, but somehow the film was overlooked for "The English Patient" in the Best Picture category. "Fargo" is a modern-day classic that is beautifully filmed, brilliantly acted and enormously original.

3. "Doctor Zhivago" (1965)

David Lean's "Lawrence of Arabia" follow-up is one of the most beautiful films

ever made. Omar Sharif stars as the title character, Yuri Zhivago, a married doctor who falls in love with a younger woman, Lara (Julie Christie). Lean, who was known for creating beautiful landscapes, crafts a dazzling visual of the winter season when Zhivago travels to see Lara in her isolated country home. "Zhivago," which is based on Boris Pasternak's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, is breathtaking, beautiful and
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UMD students have a hand in local 'Idol'

Twin Ports Idol has the fun of the original, without all the Simon

By ANN PERKINS
STAFF REPORTER

Four UMD students have had their hand in promoting the first ever Twin Ports Idol, a singing competition, which starts today with auditions at the Duluth Radisson. Contestants will compete for a grand prize of a \$5,000 recording contract with Living Water Music.

Last fall, students in the two sections of the advertising and marketing communications class taught by John Kratz, were assigned to improve the marketing for a business in the area.

Each class was divided into groups that competed against each other in creating the best marketing plan for an area business. The business would then choose the group with the best plan.

Brian Ohm, Ben Bonde, John Mezzenga and Thomas Cole were in one of the two groups assigned to Living Water Music. Living Water Music is "a multi-faceted professional music service," that offers recording studios, DJ services and music lessons, according to their Web site.

Their group, Indigenous Marketing Solutions, came up

with a 75-page plan to improve the market share of Living Water Music in the Duluth market; it was centered on how to execute Twin Ports Idol.

Craig LiaBraaten, the owner and CEO of Living Water, held Iron Range Idol in Hibbing last year.

"For me, Twin Ports Idol was something I had dreamed about for 10 years," said LiaBraaten.

Ohm says the idea was more of a group consensus.

"We were sitting together with Craig at Perkins, talking about his business and what he has done in the past; over

that conversation the idea of Twin Ports Idol came out," said Ohm. "It was a group brainstorm. When we were putting together and tying up different options, the Twin Ports Idol became the big piece of the plan."

Ohm became the account manager for the Indigenous Marketing Solutions and an advertising representative for Living Water Music after graduating in December.

However the idea came about, the group was responsible for the marketing plan.

"We took the idea and totally ran with it in our marketing plan," Ohm said. "We set up everything that needed to be done - the advertising, the promotion and press, all the posters. We came up with the general ideas and all the contact names for Craig to make the phone calls. We laid it out. This is how to do it. This is what you should do."

The group presented their project to LiaBraaten in a unique manner.

"It was a crazy presentation," said Ohm. "Our group was a collective advertising group. We asked ourselves, 'how are we going to make it different?'"

A rap song and flood lights were the group's answer.

"Thomas Cole wrote a rap about the marketing plan that we used to introduce the presentation," he said. "I mixed the beats with the sounds of a crowd cheering. We turned off the lights and used the huge flood lights and gave a light show as [Cole] entered the room."

To their surprise, the presentation worked and LiaBraaten wanted to implement their marketing plan.

"I liked their presentation," he said. "They put together some real creative work, it was not all numbers and statistics. They had more of a vision for entertainment work."

This has been a chance for students to see a real world application of their classroom knowledge.

"It was cool to give it to the company and have the opportunity to implement our own ideas and recommendations," Ohm said.

Twin Ports Idol will be similar to another popular "Idol" competition that Americans have become familiar with.

"It's an awesome opportunity for an amateur singer to be able to achieve a lifetime dream of making their own recording," said LiaBraaten. "We are out there to discover someone. It is everyone's dream to be recorded."

Like "American Idol," contestants will be judged on stage presence and star quality, according to the Living Water Music Web site.

Singing ability is still the main criteria that contestants will be judged on, said JJ Holiday, one of the celebrity judges, from Mix 108.

"It's a singing/talent competition," said Holiday. "We are looking for the most talented, vocally strong people. Who is the most talented singer in the Twin Ports? It does not have so much to do with the 'look' of an American Idol. It has to do a little with stage presence. Bottom line though, it is a singing competition."

The contestants may surprise the audience with their talent.

"I'm expecting to see some pretty good vocalists," Holiday said. "I think there's going to be talent that people don't expect."

Some contestants may be super singers but do not necessarily want to be huge superstars.

"I think there are going to be people there that don't crave national attention, that want to put out a CD," he said.

Holiday said that his style of judging might be similar to

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Student DJs keep KUMD alternative

By KELLEY BLOMBERG
STAFF REPORTER

Is the need and desire for public radio waning? Based on the support and interest KUMD-FM receives, the answer to that question for Duluthians is definitely no.

Broadcasting directly from UMD's campus, the crew at KUMD-FM embraces up-and-coming local artists and unique, locally supported programming.

Staking its claim as the only independent public radio

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KUMD's goal is and always has been to provide a good alternative source for music, news and information.

"Practically since the station started, our mission has been to provide all kinds of great music people can't hear on other stations," said Station Manager Paul Schmitz.

Living up to the claim that

it provides "radio for what's between your ears," KUMD offers listeners much more than easy listening with a variety of unique shows ranging from a women's music show Sunday afternoons, to a gay, lesbian, bisexual transgender hour that's broadcast Sunday evenings from 5 to 6 p.m.

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LANCE FISCHER/UMD STATESMAN

KUMD prides itself on being a good source for alternative music, news and information.

Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, late in the evenings.

Although the music and programming speak for themselves, KUMD would be nothing without the people working hard to sustain its stellar reputation as a world-class public radio station.

Backed by a paid staff of seven, approximately 15 volunteer student DJs, six work-study students and countless others from within the commu-

nity and University, KUMD is a force to be reckoned with.

Midday announcer Christine Dean has been a part-time member of the KUMD staff for four and a half years and hosts a show on KUMD in the mornings from 9 a.m. to noon.

Dean started out her career in radio at a commercial station. Things were good in commercial radio for Dean until consolidation began.

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Source: 2002 UMD Campus Climate Assessment for Underrepresented Groups

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KUMD: Station still practices 'mom and pop' radio

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"I started in Duluth at kind of a 'mom and pop' station," said Dean. "But then radio went through a period of consolidation and a bigger company bought them out. Before the consolidation we weren't making much money, but we were having fun. I like public radio

because there's more freedom to be creative. It's not about making money. We're just trying to put on good programming and offer an alternative to what you can find out there."

According to Dean, many of the larger radio stations have moved toward a process called voice tracking, which allows DJs and announcers to pre-record their shows in a short amount of time.

When using this process, often the DJs aren't even in the studio when you hear them on the air.

"You spend about a half an hour in the studio and then your show is done," said Dean.

UMD student Adam Gaffey, another strong supporter of public radio, started working at KUMD as a part-time DJ in January 2002. Currently, Gaffey DJs and serves as one of three student co-music directors for the evening programming.

Although the DJs at KUMD volunteer, according to Gaffey, being a student DJ is not without its perks.

"I always liked the idea of being a DJ and having access

to newer music," said Gaffey. "It's a good experience and a position like no other to really have your finger on the pulse of what's coming out. We get stuff two to three weeks prior to the street release date. And we also get access to concerts through promoters."

To check out more information on KUMD and the people who strive to bring you local music at its best, go to www.kumd.org.

Here you can find a list of

programming, links to various KUMD album compilations and a link to tune into KUMD live.

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Thursday, 3.3.05

"Recent Invitations" Opening Reception
Photography exhibit by Suzanne E. Szucs
(Through 4.24)
5 - 7 p.m.
Duluth Art Institute
506 W. Michigan St. 733-7560

Twin Ports Idol Auditions
Ages 14-26
\$25 entry fee
Radisson Hotel
1-800-248-7225

"Wonder of the World"
(Through 3.6)
Thurs. - Sat. 7:30 p.m.
Sun. 2 p.m.
St. Scholastica Theatre
College of St. Scholastica
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Jennifer Daniels
8 p.m.
Beaner's Central
324 N. Central Ave. 624-5957

Friday, 3.4.05

"The Pirates of Penzance"
(Through 3.6)
Fri. - Sat. 7:30 p.m.
\$15/\$12
Sun. 2 p.m. \$12
Renegade Comedy Theatre
Masonic Temple Auditorium
4 W. 2nd St. 722-6775

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"
(Through 3.6)
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Fri. 7 p.m.
Sat. 1 and 4 p.m.
Sun. 2 p.m.
Duluth Playhouse
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Discover Steve
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Boogie Wonderland
\$8
The Tap Room
600 E. Superior St. 722-0061
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"Divergence" Opening Reception
Photos by Travis Melin and David Kunst
(Through 3.27)
7 - 10 p.m.
Washington Gallery
315 N. Lake Ave. 727-4434

Saturday, 3.5.05

"The Velveteen Rabbit"
2 p.m.
Mitchell Auditorium
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Keith Yanes and Brandon Hagstrom
9 p.m.
Amazing Grace Bakery
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Sunday, 3.6.05

Art of Peace Prelude Event
Music and Poetry
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Stacy Earle and Mark Stuart,
Bill Isles
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IDOL: Auditions held this week for competition

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Simon Cowell, the notorious judge from "American Idol."

"I'll be as honest, but maybe nicer," he said. "If you suck I'm going to tell you. I'm going to give props where they belong. I'm maybe more of a people person than [Cowell]."

Highlights from the tryouts will be aired Friday mornings on Mix 108.

Over \$18,000 in prizes will be awarded from Living Water Music. Other prizes include vocal coaching scholarships and performance opportunities.

Twin Ports Idol is open to singers ages 14-26. The Grand Prize Winner will receive a \$5,000 CD demo. The second place prize is a \$2,000 CD demo and the third place prize is a \$1,000 CD demo, according to the Living Water Music Web site.

The best teen singer age 14-17, who does not win the grand prize, will be the Twin Ports Teen Idol and will receive a \$2,000 CD demo.

Due to popular demand, two additional age categories have been added: a 13 and

under division and a 27+.

The entry fee is \$25 and entrants may audition up to four times.

The preliminary round begins today, Mar. 3, and every Thursday in March at the Radisson.

After the auditions, 100 participants will advance to the final rounds at Grandma's Sports Garden beginning Thursday, April 7, from 6-9 p.m. The shows are free and open to all-ages. Semi-finals will continue every Thursday until the finale, May 12.

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MOVIES: Films to watch while hiding from the cold

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one of the most heartbreaking romance stories ever told in the winter, or any time.

4. "The Sweet Hereafter" (1997)

Ian Holm stars in Atom Egoyan's painfully accurate story about a small community

that is torn apart by the aftermath of a tragic school bus accident. When area residents begin to point fingers at one another, a lawyer (Holm) is hired to find out who is to blame. Appropriately, "Hereafter" takes on the cold subject in Canada's cold climate, a symbol that is as thoughtful and beautiful as the film itself.

5. "A Simple Plan" (1998)

Long before putting Tobey Maguire in tights for the "Spider-Man" series, Director Sam Raimi created his smartest and most entertaining film, "A Simple Plan." Billy Bob

Thorton and Bill Paxton play two brothers who come across a large amount of money in the cockpit of an empty, crashed plane. Raimi uses the money to study friendship, greed and jealousy in this brilliant film that successfully combines the greed of "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre" with the cold beauty of " Fargo."

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[SUNDAY]

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Miss hearing about men's basketball? See how they did in the NCC tournament on page 25.



WOMEN'S HOCKEY

WCHA playoffs begin after split with Gophers

By AARON PRICE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UMD women's hockey team ends the regular season with a series split against the U of M Gophers this last weekend, dealing them their only WCHA conference loss and setting the tone as both teams enter the Conference tournament.

"We played really hard and showed them that we can beat them," said Assistant Coach Joakim Flygh. "We are very confident at where we are, we know we can beat them and they do too, and that's all that matters."

Saturday night the Bulldogs welcomed more than 3,000 fans to the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center as they beat the No. 1 ranked Gophers 3-2. It was the largest regular season crowd in UMD women's hockey history.

Along with the large crowd, UMD was propelled by the retiring of the first number in women's collegiate history as the Bulldog's honored Maria Rooth with the retirement of number 27.

Goaltender Riitta Schaublin had 40 saves as the Bulldogs hit 2-8 on the power play. The Gophers were held strong by the Bulldog defense going 0-8 on their power plays, something that no team has done all year.

"We played very well defensively and our penalty killing was outstanding," said Ouellette.

Sunday, although the Bulldogs would lose 1-0, their power play kill was at its best for the weekend. The Bulldogs stopped two more five on three power play opportunities for the Gophers. The Bulldogs would allow no goals on the player advantage and stopped



LANCE FISCHER/UMD STATESMAN

them for 0-14 in the series.

"On Friday we came out really strong and played well," said Flygh. "Saturday you could tell that both teams were tired, we had problems defensively and they beat us because of it."

UMD finishes the year with a 24-4-2 overall record and 22-4-2 in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

The Bulldogs will be heading down to the WCHA Tournament next week (March 3-6) and will face the University of North Dakota in the opening game of the tournament at 4 p.m. The tournament will be held in St. Paul, Minn., at Ridder Arena.

"I am very excited and feel very good about our team," said Ouellette. "We have built a lot of confidence with our last two games and all we need to do is play our best in the upcoming games."

Following the Bulldog/Fighting Sioux battle the Gophers will face Bemidji State at 7:05 p.m.

Friday will showcase Wisconsin vs. St. Cloud State at 4:05 p.m. and Ohio State vs.

Minnesota State University Mankato at 7:05 p.m.

Winners of the UMD/UND and Badgers/Huskies game will battle on Saturday at 4:05 p.m., with winners from the Gopher/Beaver and Buckeye/Maverick game squaring off at 7:05 p.m.

Sunday will then feature the third-place match-up at 1:05 p.m. and the championship at 4:05 p.m.

"We have worked really hard to get this far," said Flygh. "We plan on achieving one goal in this tournament and continue on to the NCAA tournament."

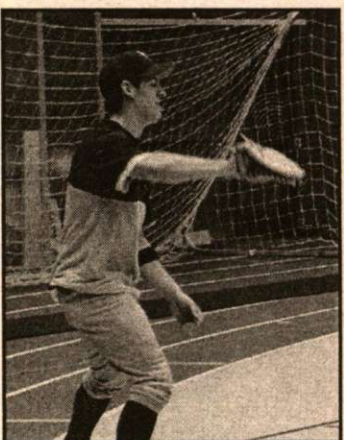
The Bulldogs have been to every tournament, placing no lower than third in the regular season standings. A year ago UMD faced the University of Wisconsin in the semi-finals and advanced to the Championship match with Minnesota. The Bulldogs are 10-2-0 in the WCHA Tournament in the last five years of competition. Their only loss has come from Wisconsin (2002) and Minnesota (2004).

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For the second straight season the Bulldogs finished second behind the Gophers in the WCHA. The Bulldogs are (22-4-2) and the Gophers are (25-1-2) in Conference.



LANCE FISCHER/UMD STATESMAN
UMD's preseason will start on March 9

The University of Minnesota Duluth men's baseball team started spring practice last week, getting themselves ready for a new conference and a new season.

This season the Bulldogs

Teams break into full swing

Baseball team hopes to be a competitor

Softball team looks to take on the NCC

By PATRICK BRANNAN
STAFF REPORTER

will be competing against Augustana College (S.D.), Minnesota State University Mankato, University of Nebraska-Omaha, University of North Dakota, St. Cloud State University and the University of South Dakota in the much more accomplished NCC.

"We are very excited about the NCC," said Head Coach Scott Hanna. "It is a tough league from top to bottom and there will be no easy games."

Last season the Bulldogs competed in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference and finished with a record of 26-15.

They will be hard pressed to fill the shoes of some of the players they lost from last year. According to Hanna, one player that will be missed is Tim Battaglia. **BASEBALL to page 27**

The UMD women's softball team opened its season this weekend in St. Cloud with three games on Saturday and two games on Sunday in a round robin tournament.

They took on teams from Winona State, Emporia State (KS), Pittsburg State (KS), Montana State-Billings and host team St. Cloud State. This marks the earliest start for the team in nearly 15 years.

The Bulldogs finished the weekend 2-3 in the tournament, which was "not bad," according to Head Coach Bill Haller. The Bulldogs played great defense while only allowing eight runs the entire weekend.

"The weekend went very well for us," said Haller, who commented on the play of the team so far. "I was very satisfied with how we played."



LANCE FISCHER/UMD STATESMAN
Bulldogs are 1-4 in preseason play

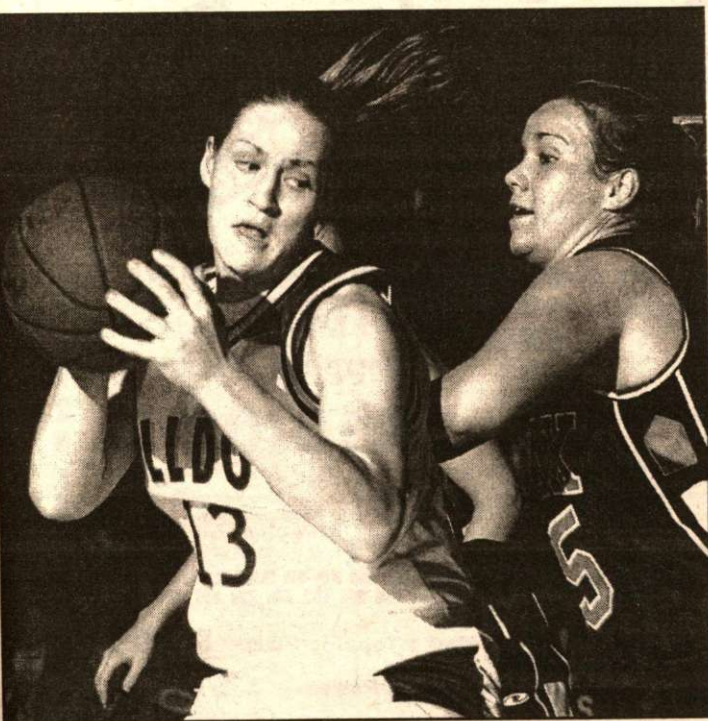
Our team defense was great, as well as our pitching."

On Saturday, UMD started the tournament with two close losses to Winona State (3-0) and to Emporia State (2-0).

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Bulldogs shocked at home



BRETT GROEHLER/UMD PHOTOGRAPHER

Lindsey Dietz and the Bulldogs had hoped to rematch the No. 1 Fighting Sioux in the NCC Tournament. The loss to South Dakota seems to have shattered those hopes.

By STEVE DOMBECK
STAFF REPORTER

The University of Minnesota Duluth women's basketball team was upset 77-69 in the first round of the North Central Conference tournament by the University of South Dakota Tuesday night at Romano Gym.

The second seeded Bulldogs could not find an answer for the Coyotes' hot shooting hand as USD shot 42 percent from the field including an amazing 61 percent from

beyond the three-point arc. "I am once again stunned," said Bulldogs Head Coach Karen Stromme. "I don't understand it. We had wide-open shots and missed them. I think we certainly gave them a lot of open looks."

After finishing second during the regular season, the Bulldogs drew the seventh seeded Coyotes, a team which they had beaten twice already this season by a combined point total of 17.

The first half was pretty much even, as the Bulldogs took a one-point lead heading into the break. The big difference was the shooting percentages. The Bulldogs made just 14 of 41 shots compared to the Coyotes selective 12 of 27 shooting. The second half proved to be much of the same.

Coyotes sophomore guard Jenni Flynn scored 20 of her career high 31 points in the second half. Flynn hit six of eight from three-point range for the game and a perfect four of four in the second half. Flynn's hot hand and the Bulldogs continuation of shooting woes helped the underdog Coyotes pull away and silence the 347 Bulldog fans in attendance.

The Bulldogs only managed to shoot 31 percent in the second half. Junior Lindsey Dietz scored 10 of her team high 17 points in the second half. Dietz also grabbed 17 rebounds, tying her career high.

Senior guard Tasha Martin chipped in with 13 points and eight rebounds. Sophomore guard Justine Axtell helped out with eight points and snatched 12 rebounds for a career high. Senior guard Tanysha Scott struggled from the floor, but still managed to score 12 points. Scott shot just five of 23 and made two of 11 from beyond the three-point arc.

The Bulldogs did manage to out-rebound the Coyotes by 26 for the game. Those rebounds helped the Bulldogs score 25

second-chance points. Those second-chance points were not enough though. The Coyotes pulled away at the end as the Bulldogs failed to make shots down the road.

This was the second consecutive loss for the Bulldogs, who had not lost two in a row all year.

Last Saturday, the Bulldogs lost to the University of North Dakota in a hard fought game with the NCC Title on the line. A win last Saturday could have clinched a tie for the NCC Conference championship with the Sioux. Instead, the Bulldogs lost the game 68-56, as well as their title hopes.

Stromme added that maybe last weekend's games had to do with the momentum coming into the game.

"I think they gained it Saturday and we lost it. We looked very tired," she said.

Whatever it was, the Bulldogs came away on the losing end and now have to wait to see whether or not their season will continue. Sunday is the NCAA selection show, where the Bulldogs (19-8) will learn their fate.

"We just didn't do ourselves any favors," said Stromme. "It is the last thing I dreamed of that would happen."

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Basketball season comes to a quick end for men

By AARON PRICE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The No. 6 University of Minnesota Duluth men's basketball team fell to No. 3 St. Cloud State University on Tuesday night, 47-51.

Highlights from the game included UMD freshman John Vaudreuil having a game high 14 points. Bulldog sophomore Bryan Foss chipped in with six points and a career-high 15 rebounds.

It was the third win for SCSU against the Bulldogs this season, all of which came by 10 points or less.

UMD ATHLETICS
Forward Bryan Foss

The loss for UMD was its eighth by 10 points or less in 2004-05.

The Bulldogs, who played without a single senior this year, finished the season at 12-16 overall and 4-8 in the NCC. It was UMD's first losing season since 1998-99.

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MEN'S HOCKEY

Men sweep, but gain no ground on UND

By MATTHEW SAUTER
STAFF REPORTER

As the end of the season approaches, the UMD men's hockey team hopes to battle past Wisconsin this weekend and take the No. 5 spot away from the University of North Dakota in the WCHA.

Last weekend UMD faced intra-state rival Bemidji State and managed to get their third sweep of the season, scoring nine goals in the series.

Unfortunately, the Bulldogs received no points last weekend because Bemidji is not in the WCHA. However, UMD has been putting up some strong offensive numbers and has been gaining confidence with every win.

With two games left, the standings are tight in the WCHA. The No. 6 Bulldogs trail the No. 5 Fighting Sioux by three points. The Bulldogs will be facing the No. 3 Badgers while UND will head to St. Cloud to face the No. 10 Huskies. With one win, the Fighting Sioux can take a first round playoff game at home, something that UMD has done for the past three years.

Along with UND dropping both games in St. Cloud, UMD must also sweep a struggling, yet still dangerous, Wisconsin Badger team, who fell from the No. 1 spot in the WCHA standings recently. Their record in their last seven games is 1-4-2.

"They are a solid team, with good goaltending," said Head Coach Scott Sandelin. "Their power play is struggling but they play very system-orientated and work hard at both ends."

On the other side of the puck, UMD has just seen its power play finally come to life. They are now seven for 22 in their last four games.

Special teams will weigh heavily this weekend because Wisconsin has allowed the fewest goals in the league, and they rely on a great deal of scoring with their power play chances. According to Sand-

elin, the Badgers are a team that can score very quietly, utilizing defensive mistakes.

"They rely a lot on turnovers and creating opportunities from them," said Sandelin.

Center Tim Stapleton also agrees, but comments on the aggressive play of the Badgers.

"On our own rink, they're going to play physical," said center Tim Stapleton. "They have got a lot of depth and guys who can score. They are a run and gun team who will try to run us out."

Another concern for the Bulldogs is Badger goalie Bernd Brückler.

Brückler helps carry the Badger team, being in the top two or three of every major goalie stat in the WCHA. Brückler leads the dominating defense of Wisconsin and is one of the main reasons the Badgers are still in No. 3.

"He is one of the best in the country," Sandelin added. "We are going to have to be patient. We've scored almost five goals in each of the last four games and we've got some good confidence, but this will be a real battle."

"We can still get home ice advantage in the playoffs with a loss by the Sioux," said Sandelin. "But it's not very likely that UND is going to go into St. Cloud and get swept."

The most likely scenario will include a UND win making the No. 5 and 6 standings knotted. This means UMD would travel to North Dakota for the first round of the WCHA playoffs.

"For the playoffs we want to be at our best," said Stapleton. "This weekend we can do that."

This year UMD will not see anyone at the top of the WCHA leader boards. Schwabe, who leads most of UMD statistically, is at the top in points (44), goals (19) and assists (25) and is No. 4 in the WCHA in points.

Marco Peluso and Stapleton are tied for No. 12 in the

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With the win, UMD moved to 14-15-8 overall and extended its winning streak to three games, its second longest of the 2004-05 season.



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BASEBALL:

Team not where they would like to be thus far

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The Cloquet native closed out his career in the diamond in 2004 becoming the first .400 career hitter for the Bulldogs (he finished with a .410 lifetime average). He also ranked in Baseball's 2004 First-Year Player Draft.

The Cleveland Indians drafted the six-foot-three, 200-pound centerfielder/right-handed pitcher in the fiftieth and final round.

"You cannot replace guys like Tim Battaglia," said Hanna. "They don't come around all that often. We will also miss Joe Korneta and Adam Keeler."

As Hanna explains it the three players mentioned were the heart of the lineup last year. They accounted for 71 of the team's 158 runs batted in. The Bulldogs also lost five of their top eight pitchers from last year.

The team will be young this year with only two seniors. They are working hard in practice to improve their defense due to the lack of power hitting this year.

"We need to play great defense this year because we will not score as many runs as last year," said Hanna. "We are not as far along as we were at this time last year."

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Bulldogs hope to start over with tournament

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league with 35 goals and are the two second highest scorers for the Bulldogs. Peluso, with a seven-point increase from last year, has really proven a vital asset to a sometimes-inconsistent offensive team.

Stapleton, who finished

SOFTBALL:

Women look forward to new challenges

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In the evening game, UMD showed improvement as the Bulldogs rebounded and beat Pittsburg State 5-0.

Sunday started off with another close loss to Montana State University-Billings 2-0 and then once again, UMD roared back and in the second game crushed St. Cloud State 7-1. St. Cloud is ranked No. 4 in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division II Preseason poll so far. The Bulldogs were led by Dayna Groom and Lindsey Lundeen, who each had home runs.

"All our players are key this year," said Haller. "We need to have everyone ready to come out and play this year if we are going to be successful."

Like the men's baseball team, this will mark the first season the softball team will play in the NCC. Last year the Bulldogs played in the NSIC where they ended with a 25-23 record and finished No. 5 in the conference. However, they only had a record of 2-11 against the teams they will be competing with in the NCC this year.

"We are used to playing these teams for the past 15 years and they bring better competition for the girls," said Haller.

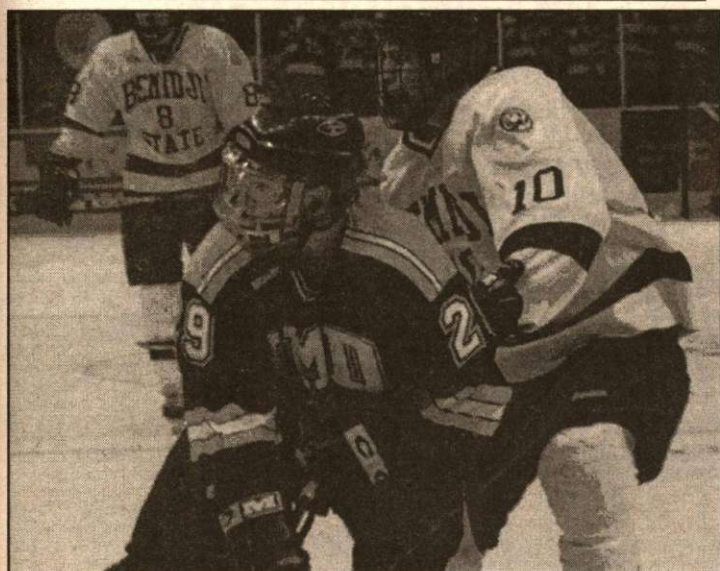
last year with 41 points, has come on strong of late and is continuing to put up strong numbers, scoring five two weeks ago.

Matt McKnight is UMD's highest point scorer as a freshman (17) and is No. 11 against all WCHA freshman.

For Bulldog seniors this could be their last chance to play at home

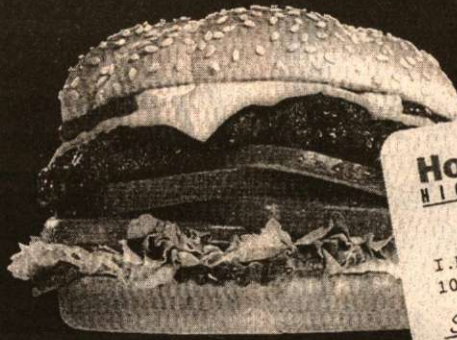
"We have 11 seniors and this might be their last weekend in Duluth," said Stapleton, "We want to go out there and make it one of the best."

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Josh Miskovich is one of a school-record 11 seniors on the 2004-05 UMD roster. He is also one of just two remaining Bulldogs who were recruited by former UMD head coach Mike Sertich (fellow right winger Nick Anderson is the other)

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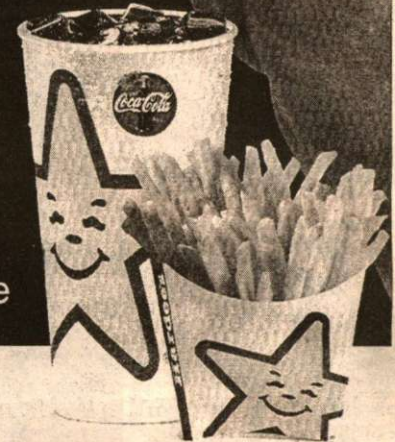
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Local musher wins 2005 Beargrease *Northland competition is rooted in history*

By AMBER GLAWE
STAFF REPORTER

The winners of the 23rd annual John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon crossed the finish line at Billy's Supper Club on Jean Duluth Road Wednesday morning, as reported on the Beargrease Web site (www.beargrease.com). Mark Black of Duluth came in first at 8:51 a.m., and Jennifer Deye of Finland, Minn., finished second at 9:30 a.m.

The *Duluth News Tribune* reported that John Stetson of Duluth won the 2005 mid-distance race. He arrived at 10:02 a.m. Monday morning, with a time of 20:32:10.

Mushers officially began their journey up the North Shore this past Sunday, Feb. 27. Departing from Ordean Middle School in Duluth, the mushers and their dogs were sent off by a large cheering crowd. The weather may have been warm and the snow a bit slushy, but the teams were excited and ready to race.

KDLH News in Duluth reported that many of the mushers have experienced good trail conditions with ample snow, but several have had run-ins with moose. No one has been seriously injured, but the wildlife has presented the biggest challenge for teams.

The Beargrease race is held in honor of a North Shore legend, John Beargrease. According to the Beargrease Web site, Beargrease was born the son of a Beaver Bay Anishinabe chief in 1858. At this time, a small footpath was the only way to travel from Duluth as far north as Thunder Bay, Ontario. Despite the severe weather and isolation of the North Shore, many small fishing villages had sprung up by the 1880s. John



KRISTI LEMAIR/UMD STATESMAN

Race volunteers, spectators, a musher and some very eager dogs await starting time at Ordean Middle School last Sunday.

Beargrease and his brothers made frequent trips along this trail, checking their trap lines, and soon became the North Shore's first mail carriers. Using canoes, horses, dogsleds and boats, the Beargrease brothers delivered the mail for nearly 20 years.

John Beargrease was renowned for his incredibly fast dogsled travels. Running

with a small team of only four dogs, Beargrease's fastest trip brought him from Two Harbors to Grand Marais in just 28 hours. Factoring in modern technological advances, the Beargrease Web site asserts that Beargrease would be a challenging competitor alongside today's mushers.

John Beargrease delivered the mail each week until 1899,

when the trail he had traveled for so many years was made into a road that could easily accommodate a horse and buggy. In 1910 Beargrease succumbed to pneumonia after helping to rescue another mail carrier from the waves off of Tamarack Point.

John Beargrease's contribution to the development of the North

Shore was monumental. His dependability helped the new communities along the shore to flourish and become permanent settlements. For this reason, each musher in the Beargrease carries "Beargrease Mail" in his or her pack and is required to make a stop at Beargrease's gravesite, near Beaver Bay. John Beargrease is still considered a "musher" in this race, and his spirit is sent out first onto the trail each year.

Beargrease mushers compete in one of two races -- the 150-mile mid-distance race or the 400-mile marathon. The mid-distance racers compete for a \$5,000 prize and the marathon racers compete for \$10,000. Racers hail from all over the U.S. and Canada. The youngest competitor this year was Billie Diver, a 15-year-old high school sophomore from Cloquet.

Chris Johnson of Cambridge, Minn., is a veteran Beargrease racer. She races primarily Alaskan huskies and has competed in numerous races over the years. The mid-distance race is her first competition of the season.

"I've done this race many times, and I'm excited to do it again this year," said Johnson shortly before the race began.

Musher Brad Rasmussen, of Hutchinson, Minn., was preparing for his first Beargrease ever. Running a team of mainly purebred Siberian huskies, Rasmussen was eager to begin the race.

"I've had dogs since '98, but this is my first Beargrease. I'm actually running a few dogs that belong to a friend of mine, because I only have six," said Rasmussen.

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Friday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall - Special Jazz Concert: Kurt Elling. Cost: \$20. All seats reserved. Advance purchase recommended.

Saturday, March 5, 7:30 p.m., MPAC - Head of the Lakes Jazz Festival Concert. Cost: \$10/\$8/\$5.

Sunday, March 6, 3 p.m., Weber Music Hall - Earth, Sea & Sky: Choral Concert. Cost: \$6/\$5/\$3.

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UMD Techfest 2005

The UMD Techfest 2005 is right around the corner. It will be held Friday, April 1, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Kirby Ballroom.

The campus has come together each year at Techfest to learn how technology has enhanced or changed the way we teach, learn and share information here at UMD.

All faculty, staff and students are invited to propose an on-going booth demonstration in which you share a successful way you have used technology to help students learn.

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Geology Seminar

"Lacustrine Records of Landscape Evolution, Ecocene Green River Formation, Wyoming" will be presented by Dr. Alan Carroll, Department of Geology and Geophysics, University of Wisconsin, Madison, today at 3:50 p.m. in MWAH 191.

Biology Seminar

"Evolutionary Consequences of Severe Fragmentation of Prairie Populations of Purple Cone Flower" will be presented by Dr. Ruth Shaw, Department of Ecology Evolution and Behavior, University of Minnesota St. Paul, Friday, March 4, at 3 p.m. in LSci 185.

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Public Policy Lecture

"Hey America, Immigration Is Your Future" will be presented by Minnesota State Senator Mee Moua, Saturday, March 5, at 12:15 p.m. in Kirby Rafters.

She is the first Hmong state

senator in the U.S. Born in Laos; she lived in a refugee camp in Cambodia until her family immigrated to the United States.

Seen as a potential statewide candidate for the Democratic party, her forceful speaking style has caused many to compare her to the late Sen. Paul Wellstone.

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Urban Studies Program

Mark Lambert, Developer of Campus Park and other apartment complexes, will speak on "For-Profit Development Fundamentals" Wednesday, March 9, at noon in KSC 333.

He will discuss the competitive nature of development, the approval process and the role of the media in the development process.

Women's History Month

Today, 4 p.m., KSC 268 - Film: "Beah: A Black Woman

Speaks," directed by LisaGay Hamilton.

Tonight, 7 p.m., Ballroom - "Why Women's Studies Is for Everybody." Keynote speaker Jacqueline Zita, president, National Women's Studies Association, professor of women's studies, University of Minnesota Twin Cities and Judith Roy, president-elect, National Women's Studies Association, program coordinator, women's studies, Century College.

Monday, March 7, 6 p.m., Rafters - Film: "Damned If you Don't," directed by Su Friedrich.

Tuesday, March 8, noon, Kirby Lounge - International Women's Day, free music and food.

Wednesday, March 9, noon, KSC 268 - Speaker: Rebecca St. George of Mending the Sacred Hoop. Feminism in the Twin Ports: "History of Violence against Native American Women."

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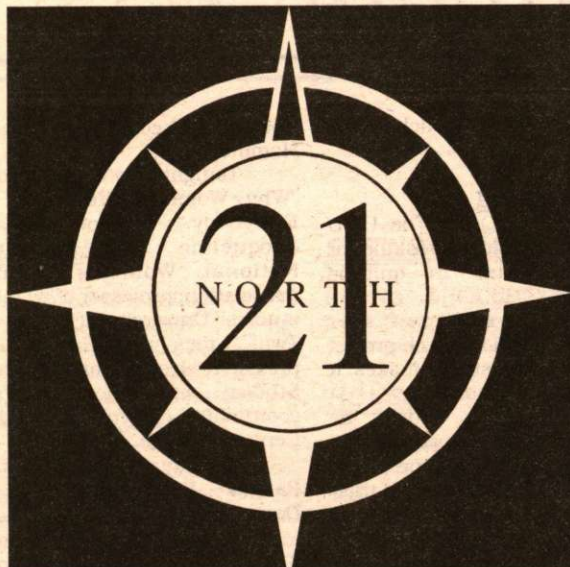
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